whether the programme is implemented in Goa also;

if so, the financial assistance given and activities undertaken by the State Government or Non-Governmental Organization, under the programme; and

if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) and (b) The Prime Minister's New I5-Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities is implemented throughout the country, including Goa.

The schemes included in the New 15-Point Programme are Centrally sponsored schemes which are operated by the Central Ministries/Departments concerned. The programme provides for earmarking of 15% of targets and outlays under schemes included in the programme and considered amenable to earmarking. The details of the schemes are available on the website of the Ministry at *www. minorityaffairs.gov. in.* Financial assistance is provided to States/UTs as per the guidelines of the concerned scheme.

Does not arise.

**Inclusion of minority dominated districts of Rajasthan in welfare** schemes

1784. DR.GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

whether for the welfare of minorities ninety minority-dominated districts in the country have been selected but none from Rajasthan;

if so, the criteria of their selection;

wehther Rajasthan State Commission for minorities has recommended for inclusion of two districts, Jaisalmer and Sriganganagar, on the basis of population, social/economic backwardness; and

if so, Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Minority concentration districts have been identified on the basis of both concentration of minority population and the relative backwardness of the districts ***vis-a-vis*** the national average in respect of socio-economic and basic amenities paramters.

Sriganganagar qualifies in terms of population but the indices of its socio-economic and basic amenities parameters are above the national average. As far as Jaisalmer district is concerned, it does not qualify in terms of the population criteria.

The Chairman, Rajasthan State Commission for Minorities has been informed suitably.

**New and renewable energy generation in Punjab**

**1785. SHRI** VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of energy produced in Punjab through new and renewable energy sources during the last three years ending the 31 st December, 2007, year-wise; and